

the average sight-seer, I believe Philadelphia will furnish more of real interest.

Next Sunday, Nov. 10th, we will begin our revival at this place. If some of our country brethren want to know what real genuine hard work is, with meagre results attending, they can find plenty of it in any great metropolis in this country. But we go forth with prayer and great expectation. We believe the blessing awaits us.

Our dear Sister Cassel, wife of brother J. C. Cassel, at this writing is lying at the door of death. Unless the prayer of faith avails in her behalf, she will not be with us much longer. Remember us all, brethren, in your prayers.

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Thinking that Brother Tombaugh would report our meeting I have not sent in any report. It is not however yet too late to be of interest. We had a very excellent meeting, one which we will all remember with gladness and gratitude. Brother Tombaugh remained with us two weeks and a half and preached us very acceptable and inspiring sermons. We closed with a communion, which was pronounced by many the most enjoyable they ever attended. There were two accessions by baptism, daughters of brother John Raish. They will be valuable help to us in our S. S. C. E. work. We had a meeting of the Society on Thursday of last week, the best attended of any we have had for a long time. We will have another meeting in two weeks. Our membership is widely scattered, so that it is impossible for some to attend the meetings, but some of those at a distance sell the articles which we manufacture, and thus all have a chance to work.

Brother Tombaugh made many friends in our town, and many kind words have been spoken of him by the different churches, showing the esteem in which he is held by those who learned to know him. He will always find a welcome in Dayton, both in the homes and the pulpit.

I preached for the Mt. Olive church on the third Sunday of Oct. and will again fill their pulpit on the third Sunday of this month. They are now without a pastor, and are anxious for a protracted service. We trust some one may be secured for this work.

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Brother A. J. Hixson, of Kansas City, came to our place Saturday, October 26, and preached two very acceptable sermons at Liberty school house, Sunday morning and evening. One precious soul confessed Christ and was baptized after the morning services. We praise God for his goodness to the children of men.

November 1, being the thirty-third anniversary of our marriage, quite unexpectedly by us, a large procession of buggies and carriages and wagons drove up in front of our house, and all we could do was to await developments. Stores of provision were unloaded. After the tables were prepared, laden with good things from the hands and hearts of our friends, wife and I were invited to the parlor to take our seat on a new and valuable sofa; this we did while listening to an address from Sister Adams in which she told us that the assembly of our neighbors and friends with the above named present was an expression of the appreciation of our labors in the work of the ministry. Then Sister Cummins led us in prayer, after which all partook of the bounteous repast that was awaiting us. The afternoon was then spent in a social way. Before leaving we all gathered in the parlor once more and engaged in song service, read the twelfth chapter of Romans; engaged in prayer again, and then closed by singing "God be with us" etc. Thus closed one of the most enjoyable days of this life. AARON SHOWALTER.

Bible Conference Notes

The series of Bible conferences which were announced for Falls City, Hamlin and Pony Creek are now things of the past. But the waves of good influences which have been set in motion will continue on indefinitely. Time may continue to record the results but eternity alone can reveal the aggregate good accomplished.

Report has already been made of the conference in the city. No record was made of the meetings so no report can be given only in a general way.

After Brother Talley's return from the bedside of his afflicted mother he gave us three excellent sermons at Silver Creek. We might very properly call his sermons "Bible Illuminations." The conference was closed with an all day meeting at Silver Creek and communion in the evening. This was a gracious feast.

The conference was opened at Hamlin on the evening of October 14. While the day meetings were slack in attendance the evening sessions were well attended. Much interest was shown by the people and the meetings closed on the 20th by a love feast long to be remembered by the brethren and sisters of Hamlin.

On Monday Oct. 21 the first meeting of the conference was held in the Pony Creek church. The weather was ideal, the roads good, the nights light, the people appreciated their privileges and gave good attendance from first to last. Brother Talley being obliged to return to Chicago on the morning of the 24th, the writer with the assistance of brethren Bauman and Yoder continued the meetings till Sunday evening October 27, when the conference was closed here, as at the other places, by a love feast in which nearly all the congregation participated.

The following topics were discussed by Brother Talley: "Inspiration of the Bible." This subject is best attested to by a realization of the fact that man needed a revelation. Man is a creature under the law of sin. This is recognized as a universal condition. There is no escape from God's law. It is as eternal as God himself. God alone could make escape possible. A revelation is needed to tell how. This the Bible does and must therefore be inspired of God. The promise made to Abraham and the progressive manner in which it was fulfilled declare plainly both inspiration and divine guidance.

"The Mission of the Church." This mission is variously presented but in no place more forcibly than in II Cor. 5:20. "Now we are ambassadors for Christ." The church represents him, proclaims his love, explains his salvation, remains true to the principles of his kingdom at any cost.

"Old Testament Prophecies that have been Fulfilled and are now Being Fulfilled." There are scores of prophecies which have been fulfilled, some not so often noticed but very significant are those made by Jacob when he gave his parting blessing to his sons. Gen 49. Those prophesied of Christ, Ps. 22 and Isa. 53. The prophecy made by Joel 2:28 was fulfilled and is still being fulfilled.

Many other topics were discussed, the one on "The Bible and the Christian" suggested that the Bible and the Christian were component parts of a perfected whole. Neither is of power without the other. Both witness of the divine mind which is revealed thru the word and demonstrated by the Christian. To the Christian the Bible is God's book. It is God's book written for the Christian. He believes the whole of it, Jonah and the great fish not excluded. The Christian possesses the spirit of Christ, i. e., that of a child, and only as a child of God can any man ever hope to understand the Bible.

Samuel Lichty gave a very pointed, practical and convincing temperance lecture at each place of meeting. In the one he showed the fallacy of the argument that too much prohibition made free whiskey, and that too much parental restraint made children tiplers. This sort of teaching comes from those who are themselves down, and who af-

ter using all their ingenuity to destroy the children of godly parents and succeed, then throw such dirt to cover their own evil doing. In the second address he pictured the woes which the drink habit cause and plead for Christian people to see as Jesus would see the man. This love and pity would lead them to destroy the saloon.

Some results of the conference: (1) An increased interest in the Bible. (2) A greater knowledge of its doctrines and teachings. (3) A more comprehensive knowledge of God and the salvation he offers to fallen man. (4) A deepening of the spiritual life of the church. (5) Greater love for Christ and missions.

All the churches where these conferences have been held are unanimous in their conviction that for the membership of the church a Bible conference is better than a revival.

Last but not least our churches know more about Chicago and the need of missions there. They know more of the hopeful outlook and the good work the Brethren mission is doing. They gave evidence of their faith in Chicago mission work by contributing in all about three hundred dollars to its support.

We bless God for these meetings. We thank him for the blessed results obtained. We thank him for a brother so able in teaching the word as Brother Talley. We are very grateful to Brother Talley for helping us so long when duties in the mission were so pressing. By all means, brethren, have a Bible conference and missionary convention and you will all be happy.

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Report of the Illiokota District Conference

The conference of the Illiokota district convened in the Brethren church at Waterloo, Iowa, Tuesday evening September 11, 1901, at 7:30 P. M. The chairman J. L. Gillin being absent, vice-chairman Fetter Hall took the chair. The following committees were appointed: viz, committee on Credentials, Joseph Haynes, Frank McCartney, B. F. Puterbaugh. Committee on Program, R. R. Teeter, Z. T. Livengood, W. A. Welty. The program of the evening was taken up. Sermon by W. A. Welty, subject "Christian Growth." The sermon was edifying, instructive and well delivered.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 A. M.

Devotional services led by Clara Flora. The committee reported twenty-five delegates present. Brother and sister Eli Hoover being present from S. Dakota and there being no organized church there, a motion prevailed that they be received as delegates to report the work in that State. A motion prevailed that the conference proceed to organize by electing chairman, vice chairman, and secretary. A motion prevailed that we elect by informal ballot. That there be an informal ballot cast for chairman, and if the first ballot fail to give a majority, then the two having the highest number of votes be declared the nominees to be voted for on second ballot, each delegate shall cast one vote. R. R. Teeter and Z. T. Livengood received the highest number of votes on first ballot. On second ballot R. R. Teeter was elected. A motion prevailed that Brother Teeter's election be made unanimous. A motion prevailed that the rules be suspended and Z. T. Livengood be elected vice chairman by acclamation. A motion prevailed that Brother Shelenberger be received as delegate from the Brooklyn church. (He had been elected but had not received his credentials.) A motion prevailed that J. O. Talley be re-elected secretary, and that he appoint his own assistant. A motion prevailed that Eli Hoover be elected treasurer.

On the newly elected officers taking their seats, the regular program was taken up. Vice chairman Livengood taking the chair, R. R. Teeter gave an address on "Ministerial Qualifications" which was critical and to the point. He dwelt at